

Remarks

Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to more clearly define the invention and distinguish it over the references of record. Favorable consideration of rejected claims 1 through 16 respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

Each of independent claims 1 and 8 has been amended to recite means including one of the dipper stick and the arm member having at least one transversely disposed recess and the other of the dipper stick and the arm member having a yieldably biased, transversely displaceable protuberance insertable in the recess when the recess is in alignment therewith, trippable upon pivoting the arm member into the operative position and insertable in the recess to detachably secure the arm member in the inoperative position, and upon pivoting the arm member out of the inoperative position to displace and detach the arm member from the inoperative position. It is submitted that the Kaczmarczyk et al patent neither discloses nor teaches any such structure.

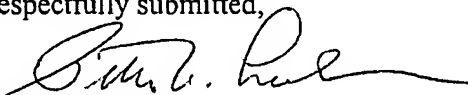
Referring to the Kaczmarczyk et al patent, it is to be noted that although fastening pin 74 may be tripped when the implement 14 is pivotally connected to the upper end of coupler member 28 and swung rearwardly, to secure the implement to the coupler member, it can not be tripped by pivoting the implement away from the coupler member. To permit such detachment, pin 74 must be manually retracted and physically secured in the retracted position. Then, the lift arms 26,26 and tilt links, 34,34 may be operated by the tractor operator to cause the implement to be swung away from the coupler member and the coupler member maneuvered to fully release the implement. Clearly, the fastening means is not operable merely by pivoting the implement away from the position attached to the coupler member.

It further is significant to note that the Kaczmarczyk et al patent relates to a totally different environment. It relates to an apparatus and method for detachably coupling an implement such as a bucket to the coupling member of a front end loader. It does not involve a dipper stick, an implement pivotally connected to the free end of the dipper stick and an arm member pivotally connected to the underside of a dipper stick and cooperable with the implement pivotally connected to the dipper stick for grappling articles therebetween.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully that the rejection of claims 1 thorough 16 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

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